

ABSTRACT

A method of purifying a polyarylene sulfide, including washing a polyarylene sulfide with a wash liquid, 5 separating the resulting mixture into a polymer phase (8) containing the polyarylene sulfide and a solution phase (9) containing the wash liquid, measuring a viscosity of the polymer phase (8) or a difference in viscosity between the polymer phase (8) and the solution phase (9) to detect the 10 liquid level (10) of the polymer phase (8), and taking out the polymer phase (8). The viscosity of the polymer phase (8) or the difference in density between the polymer phase (8) and the solution phase (9) is measured with a vibratile process viscometer (7) or remote seal type differential 15 pressure oscillator (6) having a liquid-contact portion (11) constituted of stainless steel, a hastelloy alloy, Ti or a Ti alloy, so that the liquid level (10) of the polymer phase (8) can be accurately detected.